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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORKFORM TO BE USED IN FILING A CIVIL COMPLAINT IN FEDERAL COURT  
(Non-Prisoner Context)

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**1. CAPTION OF ACTION**

**A. Full Name of Plaintiff:** **NOTE:** If more than one plaintiff files this action and seeks in forma pauperis status, *each* plaintiff must submit an in forma pauperis application or the only plaintiff to be considered will be the plaintiff who filed an application.

James I Gordon

-vs-

**B. Full Name(s) of Defendant(s)** **NOTE:** Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 10(a), the names of all parties must appear in the caption. The court may not consider a claim against anyone not identified in this section as a defendant. Add a separate sheet, if necessary.

1. THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO
2. ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (ECMC) CORPORATION
3. Colleen Connolly
6. \_\_\_\_\_

**2. STATEMENT OF JURISDICTION, VENUE and NATURE OF SUIT**

All of these sections **MUST** be answered

Identify the basis for federal Court jurisdiction over your claim, such as that the United States government is a party to the action, all the parties reside in different states and therefore you claim diversity jurisdiction, or the claim presents a federal question or arises under federal law.

A. Basis of Jurisdiction in Federal Court: Violation of my Federal Civil and Constitutional Rights.

State why the Western District of New York is the proper venue for this action, such as that your claim arises in or the defendant resides in the 17 westernmost counties of New York State.

B. Reason for Venue in the Western District: The State University at Buffalo is located in the Western District.

Identify the nature of this action, such as that it is a civil rights claim, a personal injury or personal property (tort) claim, a property rights claim, or whatever it is.

C. Nature of Suit: It is a civil rights claim

**3. PARTIES TO THIS ACTION**

**PLAINTIFF'S INFORMATION** NOTE: To list additional plaintiffs, use this format on another sheet of paper.

Name of First Plaintiff: Tameel Gordon

Present Address: 1576 Sweet Home Road  
Buffalo, NY 14228

Name of Second Plaintiff: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEFENDANT'S INFORMATION** NOTE: To list additional defendants, use this format on another sheet of paper.

Name of First Defendant: The State University AT Buffalo

Official Position of Defendant (if relevant): \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Defendant: 12 Craven Hall  
Buffalo, NY 14260

Name of Second Defendant: Ernie County Medical Center Corporation

Official Position of Defendant (if relevant): \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Defendant: 462 Griden street  
Buffalo NY 14215

Name of Third Defendant: Colleen Connolly

Official Position of Defendant (if relevant): Director, Student Support & Resources

Address of Defendant: 315 Student Union  
Buffalo, NY 14260

**4. PREVIOUS LAWSUITS IN STATE AND FEDERAL COURT**

A. Have you begun any other lawsuits in state or federal court dealing with the same facts involved in this action?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If Yes, complete the next section. NOTE: If you have brought more than one lawsuit dealing with the same facts as this action, use this format to describe the other action(s) on another sheet of paper.

1. Name(s) of the parties to this other lawsuit:

Plaintiff(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Court (if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county): \_\_\_\_\_

3. Docket or Index Number: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name of Judge to whom case was assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

5. The approximate date the action was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What was the disposition of the case?

Is it still pending? Yes ☐ No ☐

If not, give the approximate date it was resolved. \_\_\_\_\_

Disposition (check those statements which apply):

☐ Dismissed (check the statement which indicates why it was dismissed):☐ By court *sua sponte* as frivolous, malicious or for failing to state a claim upon which relief can be granted;☐ By court for failure to prosecute, pay filing fee or otherwise respond to a court order;☐ By court due to your voluntary withdrawal of claim;☐ Judgment upon motion or after trial entered for☐ plaintiff☐ defendant.**5. STATEMENT OF CLAIM**

**Please note** that it is not enough to just list the ground(s) for your action. You **must** include a statement of the facts which you believe support each of your claims. In other words, just tell the story of what happened and do not use legal jargon.

**Fed.R.Civ.P. 8(a)** states that a pleading must contain "a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief." "The function of pleadings under the Federal Rules is to give fair notice of the claim asserted. Fair notice is that which will enable the adverse party to answer and prepare for trial, allow the application of res judicata, and identify the nature of the case so it may be assigned the proper form of trial." Simmons v. Abruzzo, 49 F.3d 83, 86 (2d Cir. 1995).

**Fed.R.Civ.P. 10(b)** states that "[a]ll averments of claim ... shall be made in numbered paragraphs, the contents of each of which shall be limited as far as practicable to a single set of circumstances."

**A. FIRST CLAIM:** On (date of the incident) 09/07/2023,

defendant (give the name and (if relevant) the position held of each defendant involved in this incident) All the defendants named in section B of Caption of Action on page 1.



did the following to me (briefly state what each defendant named above did): On September 7<sup>th</sup> 2023  
under the direction of The State University at Buffalo, the  
University at Buffalo Police Department along with their  
Cities Ambulance services transported me from the University  
of Buffalo campus to Erie County Medical Center where I  
was admitted to their Psychiatric Ward involuntarily for  
observation based on false and inaccurate <sup>behavioral</sup> information health  
complaints that kept me in Erie County for 14 days with a

The federal basis for this claim is: violation of NY's Mental Health Law and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment  
as my 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment constitutional rights.

This is a civil rights claim regarding the violation of my 14<sup>th</sup>  
Amendment rights.

State briefly exactly what you want the Court to do for you. Make no legal arguments and cite no cases or statutes:

I would like to be awarded damages.

**B. SECOND CLAIM:** On (date of the incident) \_\_\_\_\_,  
 defendant (give the name and (if relevant) position held of each defendant involved in this incident) \_\_\_\_\_

did the following to me (briefly state what each defendant named above did): \_\_\_\_\_

The federal basis for this claim is: \_\_\_\_\_

State briefly exactly what you want the Court to do for you. Make no legal arguments and cite no cases or statutes:

If you have additional claims, use the above format to set them out on additional sheets of paper.

**6. SUMMARY OF RELIEF SOUGHT**

*Summarize the relief requested by you in each statement of claim above.*

*I would like to be awarded damages.*

Do you want a **jury trial**? Yes ☐ No ☒

**I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.**

Executed on 09/21/2023  
(date)

**NOTE:** *Each plaintiff must sign this complaint and must also sign all subsequent papers filed with the Court.*



Signature(s) of Plaintiff(s)



JS 44 (Rev. 08/18)

## CIVIL COVER SHEET

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The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

## I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Jameel Gordon

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff

ERIE

(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

## DEFENDANTS

THE STATE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO  
ERIE COUNTY HOSPITAL CENTER COOP.  
COLLEGE CONNELL  
County of Residence of First Listed Defendant

ERIE

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

## II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- ☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☒ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- ☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

## III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- |   | PTF                                   | DEF                                   |   | PTF                        | DEF                        |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Citizen of This State                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State     | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State                | <input type="checkbox"/> 2            | <input type="checkbox"/> 2            | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3            | <input type="checkbox"/> 3            | Foreign Nation  | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

## IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES	
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability <b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other <b>LABOR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Management Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act <b>IMMIGRATION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 <b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark <b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) <b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act <input type="checkbox"/> 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a)) <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 485 Telephone Consumer Protection Act <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration <input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other <input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education	<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b> <b>Habeas Corpus:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty <b>Other:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition <input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement			

## V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding
- ☐ 2 Removed from State Court
- ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
- ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
- ☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify)
- ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer
- ☐ 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

## VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):

THE 14TH Amendment OF THE U.S. Constitution

Brief description of cause:

A civil rights claim - violation of the 14TH Amendment

## VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☐ No

## VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE

09/21/2023

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

[Signature]

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AMOUNT

APPLYING IFP

JUDGE

MAG. JUDGE